



Santee School District

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SCHOOLS:

Cajon Park
Carlton Hills
Carlton Oaks
Chet F. Harritt
Hill Creek
Pepper Drive
PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
Rio Seco
Sycamore Canyon
Alternative
Success Program

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Lowenthal:

California school districts are ready to create nearly 120,000 new construction and related jobs. These new jobs would be created by funding school construction and renovation projects that have been approved or are in line to be approved by the state, have been approved by the Division of the State Architect (DSA), and have met the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Santee School District has \$31 million in *shovel ready* projects and would be able to move forward with the release of our State matching funds of \$38 million (currently on the Unfunded Approval List) from the State Allocation Board (SAB). The only piece missing is for the state to honor its commitment to match our local funds.

Specifically, state funding would provide about 650 local workers with jobs this summer. These construction jobs could result in an increase in state sales and income tax and a reduction in unemployment insurance costs.

We are eager to get our community back to work and hope that funds will be available and released by the SAB soon. A release will allow our district to complete its school construction projects and increase equity in classrooms.

Santee School District believes that funding these projects would create more jobs and employ more people faster than the Governor's \$500 million budget proposal, as well as to meet the critical facility needs of our local students.

To create the most jobs possible, Santee School District would like our *shovel ready* projects be approved in date order funding for *shovel ready* projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina Becker

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